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1st Kansas Public Health Nursing Conference: "BROADENING OUR HORIZONS"



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, in partnership with the St. Louis University School of Public Health Heartland Center is offering the first Public Health Nursing Conference, "Broadening Our Horizons" on April 12-14, 2004 in Wichita at the Wichita Airport Hilton. Plenary sessions at the conference will include the following speakers:

"Public Health Nursing Competencies"

Kaye Bender, RN, PhD, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Dean, School of Nursing



The Public Health Nursing Competencies were developed by the Quad Council on Linkages and adopted in April of 2003. Kay will help participants understand how these competencies relate to the practice of public health

nursing at the local level.

"Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP)"

Abby Long, Program Associate NACCHO

Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) has been developed under the guidance of NACCHO's APEXPH Work Group. MAPP is a community-wide strategic planning tool for improving community health. The Work Group's vision for the implementation of MAPP is: "Communities achieving improved health and quality of life by mobilizing partnerships and taking strategic action."



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"National Public Health Performance Standards Program"

Sara Ziegler, MPA, Public Health Analyst, CDC

The National Public Health Performance Standards Program (NPHSP) is a collaborative effort of seven partner organizations – CDC / PHPPPO, APHA, ASTHO, NALBOH, NACCHO, NNPHI, and PHF. It is for use at both the state and local level. Additionally, CDC/PHPPPO has also worked with WHO and PAHO to develop international performance standards for use at the country level by ministries of health and their system partners. The international performance standards have been used in 42 countries to date.



"Using Fun As An Organizational Strategy:

The Power of Therapeutic Humor in the Workplace"

Jae Pierce-Baba, ORT



Are you working harder and laughing less? You may be suffering from stress and burnout in the workplace! Studies show that in a work environment that encourages fun, employees have: lots of energy, greater self esteem, team spirit, sustainable motivation, positive attitudes and less turnover.

The conference brochure and registration will be available soon on the KDHE Office of Local & Rural Health web site. Watch for e-mail notification. Brochures will also be sent in the mail to each local health department. Registration costs for this conference qualify for the use of BT and KHF education grant dollars.

**REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS
2004 Schedule**

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department from 10am – 3pm. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

March 24
May 26
July 28
September 22
November - Date to be announced

North Central Region: Meetings are held from 9am-3pm. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates and locations are:

April 13	Airport Hilton - Wichita
June 22	Ellsworth
August 24	Belleville
October 26	Lincoln
December 7	Abilene

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10am-3pm. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 or Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

March 11
June 10
September 9
December 9

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10am-3pm at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

April 8
June 10
August 12
October 14
December 9

Southeast Region: Meetings are held from 10am-3pm at the Holiday Park Motel, 3030 S. Santa Fe, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

May 6
August 5
November 4

Southwest Region: Meetings are held from 9am-3pm in Garden City. Location to be announced. Dates are:

March 19
May 21
July 16
September 17
November 19

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Heidy Brillhart, RN, BSN - started working at the Morton County Health Department on February 2, 2004. Heidy will be in charge of the Family Planning, Immunization and Tuberculosis Programs.

Robert Hickman, BS - Hutchinson, KS, began his duties as Preparedness Coordinator for Reno County Health Department on Monday, February 23, 2004. A KDHE Bioterrorism Preparedness Grant provides funding for this position. Hickman earned his BS degree from Sterling College. He has many certifications related to emergency preparedness and has served in various positions that will be useful in strengthening the health departments' emergency preparedness and response capacity for the future. Judy Seltzer, RN, is the Director/Health Officer at Reno County Health Department.

Misty Jimerson, MS - has accepted the position of the Kansas Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program Manager, Office of Health Promotion, KDHE. Misty is a native of Russell, KS, and now lives in Topeka. She has four years of experience with the American Heart Association. Misty received her undergraduate and graduate degree at Fort Hays State University in Hays, KS.

Kathy McKimens, RN - has resigned as Director of the Morris County Health Department and has accepted a position with the Cowley County Health Department.

NEWS BRIEFS

"Messages in the Dust"

Two years after September 11, 2001, when terrorist attacks leveled the World Trade Center and hit the Pentagon, National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) is issuing "Messages in the Dust," a report assessing the lessons for public and environmental health that can be learned from these disasters. This 110-page report addresses such issues as:



- ❖ "How can public health and environmental health managers be better prepared in the future?"
- ❖ "What are some of the stories from those unsung "heroes" - professionals at the frontlines who did their regular jobs under extraordinary circumstances?"
- ❖ "How soon should the local government be able to respond and what kinds of prior coordination are needed among different agencies?"

"Messages in the Dust," a 110-page report, is available at no charge at <http://www.neha.org>.

FREE to Know is now Early Detection Works

*by Janet Neff, Director
Cancer Prevention and Control Program
Office of Health Promotion*

Early detection can save your life.



The Office of Health Promotion's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, which has been called FREE to Know for several years, has a new name! **Early Detection Works** will continue to focus on providing information to women about breast and cervical cancer screenings, and will continue to provide free services to women between 40-64, at 250 percent below the federal poverty level, as in past years.

Why did we change the name? Our research showed that the program had very little name recognition and some women's groups were angry because it's not "free" unless income guidelines are met. We contacted an advertising agency that



came up with the several options, and after some editing, we all agreed on Early Detection Works.

Early Detection Works has been introduced through radio, television, posters and brochures. We're excited about the new bright colors, Spanish translations and totally new look! KDHE appreciates the support and comments from our partners, Cancer Information Service, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and American Cancer Society who have helped us tremendously in the development of the new materials. Please watch for the television commercials which informs all women that having a mammogram "takes less time than a trip to the grocery store" or a "trip to the salon."

The Program's Regional Nurse/Case Managers will supply providers with the new posters, brochures and other materials. If you're not currently a provider, but would like a supply of brochures and other materials for your clients call us at 1-877-277-1368.

2004-2005 School Entry Requirements for Hepatitis B and Varicella



The Kansas
Department of
Health and

Environment is proposing to amend Kansas Administrative Regulation 28-1-20 dealing with the vaccinations each child or adolescent is required to have before enrolling in any Kansas school. A public hearing is scheduled for Friday, March 12, 2004, at 9 AM in Room 530, Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Topeka, KS. This regulation change, if approved, will require students entering Kindergarten, beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, to be immunized against Varicella (or have a history of the chickenpox disease), and have proof of immunization against Hepatitis B.

Kansas is one of only nine states (as of 2/2003) without a varicella vaccine school-entry or day-care requirement. While varicella doesn't usually cause a severe or complicated illness, this is not always the case. Persons of any age with a weakened immune system are a particular risk for complications. With mainstreaming of children with chronic diseases to conventional schools, there is an increasing risk that, in the absence of a varicella immunization requirement, susceptible persons at high risk of complicated disease will be exposed in the school setting. Complications include pneumonia, disseminated varicella, encephalitis, hemorrhage and secondary bacterial infections. The currently licensed vaccine is highly effective with a good safety record.

Hepatitis B is a virus transmitted among humans by blood and body fluids. Sharing of needles during illegal use of drugs and unprotected sexual intercourse with an infected person are the predominant risk factors for hepatitis B observed in the United States. Transmission of hepatitis B in home settings among persons who share intimate appliances such as razors and toothbrushes has been observed. Although chronic symptoms resulting from hepatitis B infection become apparent more often in adulthood, infection is acquired years or decades earlier, and thirty percent of chronic infections in the U.S. originate in children less than five years old. For children less than one year of age, who become infected, 90 percent will remain chronically infected. Persons who become chronically infected as young children or infants have a 25 percent chance of dying from hepatitis B related cirrhosis or liver cancer. About 30 percent of newly acquired cases have no identifiable risk factor for infection. In 2001, 390 cases of chronic hepatitis B were reported in Kansas, 14 were in children under the age of 14. KDHE recommends that all children receive hepatitis B vaccine, preferably in the first year of life, which is consistent with the American Academy of Pediatrics and Advisory Committee for Immunization Practice recommendations.

Need Help with transporting vaccine at refrigerator and freezer temps for school immunization clinics?

To Order Vaxipac Vaccine
Transport Coolers and
Vaxisafe Cool Paks

[Coolers](#)

[Cool Paks](#)

Energy Storage
Technologies

7610 McEwen Rd.
Dayton, Ohio 45459

Or visit the KDHE

Immunization Web site for more information at:

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/immunize/resources.html>



Tri-State Regional Immunization Coalition



On February 17, 2004 the Tri-State Regional Immunization Coalition (TRIC) met in Coffeyville, KS, with 24 in attendance. The coalition was formed out of concern for Kansas children who live in counties that border Oklahoma and Missouri. Some of these children bounce across the state lines for their immunizations and this effects immunization rates. The goal of the coalition is to improve immunization rates in the Kansas border counties. TRIC border counties of Southeast Kansas (SEK) include; Cherokee, Crawford, Chautauqua, Labette, and Montgomery. The Tulsa Immunization Action Coalition was present at this first meeting, along with four health departments from Oklahoma and two from Missouri. The next coalition meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2004. Betty Grindol, LPN, Immunization Nurse Consultant, Southeast District Office, KDHE, has been instrumental in forming this coalition to assist the SEK counties bordering Oklahoma and Missouri.

Electronic Billing

by Pete Kitch, KIPHS



Obviously, one of our biggest projects recently has involved creation of the new HIPAA compliant electronic billing capability within Kansas Integrated Public Health System (KIPHS). The ability to electronically bill for services varies across our 97 county user base in Kansas. Some health departments are yet to utilize KIPHS for billing, others create HCFA-1500s, while others have used the National Standards Format (NSF) electronic format. In conjunction with switching over from NSF to HIPAA compliant we also have provided additional billing training, both to encourage departments who have not utilized electronic billing to do so, as well as to encourage those on NSF to switch to the HIPAA compliant American National Standard Institute (ANSI). So, how are we doing?

Although we do not always get informed by Administrative Service of Kansas (ASK) or Kansas Medical assistance Program (KMAP) when a county goes into production on ANSI, we believe from help desk calls and other communications that we currently have the following mix of counties involved in electronic billing. Before making the conversion from NSF to ANSI we had a total of 35 counties utilizing electronic billing. Fifteen of those counties are now in production on ANSI. Since ASK

is still converting NSF billings, some counties have been slow to undertake the conversion. In addition, eight counties previously not utilizing electronic billing through KIPHS are now in production with ANSI for one or more payers, resulting in a total of 23 KIPHS counties currently in production on ANSI. Currently we know of at least 15 additional KIPHS counties in the testing stage. When the remaining KIPHS counties who are currently NSF submitters complete conversion we believe there will be well over 40 KIPHS counties utilizing electronic billing for at least one payer.

Not all KIPHS counties will utilize electronic billing for a variety of reasons including being classified as a small provider, lack of volume, or a decision not to bill third party payers for services provided to qualifying clients. Taking that into account, we are guessing that around 80 KIPHS counties will ultimately utilize electronic billing through KIPHS. Based on this estimate, about 50% of KIPHS counties will be submitting HIPAA compliant electronic transactions in the near future. So, is that good? ASK reports that as of the end of January less than 10% of all billings being submitted from all sources are being submitted in HIPAA compliant ANSI format.

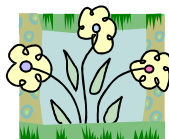
The fact that KIPHS clients have a higher percentage of HIPAA compliant submission is a tribute to KIPHS users across the state. Although we provide as much assistance as possible, each health department has to work through the sometimes-challenging testing process required getting to production status. Congratulations to all of you for your efforts in making this difficult transition to the new electronic billing standard!

Chronic Disease Resource on Diabetes in Children and Adolescents



The Diabetes in Children and Adolescents knowledge path is an electronic guide on current, high-quality resources about preventing and controlling diabetes in children and adolescents and lowering the risk of complications. Produced by the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Library, the knowledge path also identifies tools for staying abreast of new developments in diabetes care and conducting further research. The knowledge path is available at

http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_diabetes.html.



Adult Obesity Resources

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), updating 1996 guidelines, recommends that clinicians screen all adult patients for obesity, and offer intensive counseling and behavioral interventions to promote sustained weight loss for obese adults. An online BMI calculator is available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Website at <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnba/bmi/index.htm>.



Quit Smoking Kit

The "You Can Quit Smoking" kit provides information to help smokers become tobacco-free. It contains guideline products designed specifically for consumers, and the kit is available in English, Spanish, and easy-to-read formats.

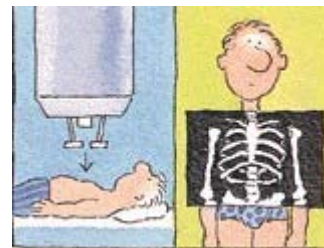
Information in the kit is based on evidence from research on treatments and counseling that help patients quit using tobacco. For free access to the online kit, visit



<http://www.ahrq.gov/consumer/tobacco/>. For print materials, call (800) 358-9295.

Radiation Exposure

by David Whitfill, CHP and James Harris, RRPT



Over the past two years, there has been a noticeable increase in radiation exposure of physicians while performing x-ray fluoroscopic interventional and special procedures.

This has largely been a result of a larger number of procedures being performed and an increased facility awareness of the radiation monitoring requirements. KDHE Radiation Control Program inspectors have increased their focus on radiation monitoring and exposure control. Some physicians, however, have received radiation exposures in excess of the regulatory limits.

Some of the contributing factors associated with these overexposures include facilities not tracking radiation exposures received by the physician while performing fluoroscopic x-ray procedures at other facilities, removing installed shielding of the fluoroscopic x-ray unit to provide more convenient

access to the patient, and not minimizing the radiation exposure to both the patient and the physician to lowest reasonable level that is still able to produce images of good diagnostic quality.

Long term health hazards associated with a lifetime of disregarding radiation safety precautions include cancer and cataracts. Corrective actions taken by facilities to reduce the radiation exposure of physicians have included installing contoured shielding to allow for better patient access, reducing the frame rate during the fluoroscopic procedure, reviewing monthly radiation exposure reports to ensure exposures are kept as low as reasonably achievable, and providing radiation safety training.

These corrective actions have resulted in significant reduction of exposure to the doctor which also translates to lower exposure to the patient. For example, one facility was able to reduce the physician's exposure by a factor of 10 without compromising patient care. Just as less invasive surgical techniques have resulted in improved patient care, successfully performing a life saving procedure with lower radiation exposure also results in better patient care.

Job Opportunity



Morris County Health Department is in search of a Director for the health department. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact Kathy or James Reagan at the Morris County Hospital.

CONFERENCES

Public Health International Conference Washburn University

Keynote Speaker

LINDA CHIARELLO, RN, MS

The International Public Health Conference, "Promoting Global Health: Visions and Strategies" will begin with a stimulating presentation by Ms. Linda Chiarello. Ms. Chiarello, RN, MS, will share her experiences in infectious disease control as an epidemiologist in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, (formerly the Hospital Infections Program). Her responsibilities include coordinating the development of infection control guidelines for health-care personnel. Most recently, Ms. Chiarello has been directly involved in the development of CDC infection control guidelines for SARS. Her field experience in this area includes



serving as a consultant for WHO and CDC teams in Hanoi and Hong Kong.

Linda received a B.S. in nursing from Hartwick College (Oneonta, NY) and an M.S. in health services administration and health education from Russell Sage College (Albany, NY). She was certified in infection control from 1985-2000. Prior to joining CDC in 1997, Ms. Chiarello spent 10 years coordinating the infection control program at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown, NY and 10 years in the New York State Health Department where she was involved with infection control and occupational health issues. She is the author of many publications on the topic of infection control.

The international public health conference is being hosted by Washburn University School of Nursing, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and six other northeastern Kansas healthcare organizations. The conference will be held on the Washburn campus on July 10 – 13, 2004 and will provide a forum to share strategies and innovations in public health through keynote speakers, concurrent sessions, symposia and poster presentations. For more information please contact Dr. Ellen Carson, Associate Dean, School of Nursing, Washburn University, at 785-231-1010, extension 1212, ellen.carson@washburn.edu or see our website: <http://www.washburn.edu/nursing-conference>



Annual Cancer Partner's Conference



This year's annual Cancer Partner's Conference will be held at the Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel March 3-4, 2004 and will feature an exciting line up of speakers and activities. For the first time, the conference will provide a forum for partners and providers for Early Detection Works (including clinical sessions) and will also provide the opportunity for members of the Kansas Cancer Partnership to meet for the first time.



Featured at this year's conference will be an overview of comprehensive cancer, an inspirational message regarding Survivalship and Spirituality, an update on cancer in Kansas, a luncheon, and concurrent sessions which have been planned to accommodate suggestions and ideas from many of you!

The Office of Health Promotion - Cancer Prevention and Control Program, Cancer Information Service, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, American Cancer Society, in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are sponsoring this conference, and we hope you'll plan now to attend.

For information about the conference, or to request an agenda, call 1-877-277-1368 or 785-296-1207 or check the KDHE website <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/ftk>

NACCHO Annual 2004 Conference and Exhibition



National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), Annual 2004 Conference and Exhibition will be July 14-16, 2004 in St. Paul, Minnesota, at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel St. Paul. The theme this year "Sharing Our Potential: Competencies, Capacities, and Core Functions in Local Public Health" will identify and address the professional competencies and capacities required to successfully and energetically take local public health in the 21st Century. Innovative and effective local public health core activities, as well as new trends and advances in local public health, will be showcased. For more information please visit <http://www.naccho.org>.

FUNDING

Foundation Funding Guide

Need funding to support your public health program? National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), is pleased to present the first issue of their online FOUNDATION FUNDING GUIDE. NACCHO is working with The Foundation Center to identify resources at the national and state level from private foundations. Each month, the guide will focus on one area of public health. To view the guide, visit www.naccho.org and look under "Quick Links" or go directly to <http://www.naccho.org/general927.cfm>.



TRAININGS

Medical Interpreter Training Scheduled for 2004



Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Local and Rural Health, will sponsor six medical interpreter-training sessions this year. Funding has been provided for these training sessions through the Heartland Centers for Public Health Workforce Development, Saint Louis University, School of Public Health, and the KDHE/CDC Bioterrorism Grant Training Fund. The three remaining training sessions are listed below:

NW KANSAS

Fort Hays State University
Memorial Union, Trails Room
College Drive
Hays, KS 67601
March 22-26, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

SC KANSAS

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Santa Fe Room
Wichita, KS 67214
July 15-16 & 21-23, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

SW KANSAS

Western Plains Medical Complex
Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)
108 Ross Blvd.
Dodge City, KS 67801
May 10-14, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

For more information/or registration please contact Elizabeth Kizzie at Jewish Vocational Service, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 142, e-mail address ekizzie@jvskc.org.



Cultural Competency Training

Kansas Department of Health & Environment, Office of Local & Rural Health, will sponsor four Cultural Competency training sessions this year. The KDHE/CDC Bioterrorism Grant Training Fund is funding the training sessions. Elizabeth Kizzie and Brandi Miller are presenting the training sessions from Jewish Vocational Service in Kansas City. Health care providers serve more non-English or limited English-speaking clients each day. The two main barriers providers face are language and culture.



The Cultural Competency training sessions will provide you an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include; Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. The two remaining Cultural Competency training sessions are listed below:

GREAT BEND

April 14 & 15, 2004
8:00am-5:00pm
SRS Building
1305 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS

GARDEN CITY

June 16, & 17, 2004
8:00am-5:00pm
SRS Building
1710 Palace Drive
Garden City, KS 67846

For more information/or registration please contact Elizabeth Kizzie or Catherine Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 at 816-471-2808, ext. 142 for Elizabeth and ext. 124 for Brandi. You may also e-mail Elizabeth at ekizzle@jvskc.org and e-mail Brandi at bmiller@jvskc.org.



Billing Workshops

NE Regional Billing Workshop

Thursday, March 25, 2004
9:00am to 12 noon
Curtis State Office Building
Flint Hills Conference Room, 3rd Floor
1000 SW Jackson
Topeka, KS 66612
9:00-9:15am Introductions
9:15-11:15am NE Kansas Medicaid
Representatives
EDS Representatives
11:15-12n Organize the NE Regional Billing
Group
Meeting Schedule
Agenda for next meeting, etc.

If you have questions please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 or e-mail ahdgc@kdhe.state.ks.us.

North Central Billing Group ("BB")

March 23, 2004

To be announced 9:00am- noon

June 29, 2004

To be announced 9:00am-noon

September 21, 2004

To be announced 9:00am-noon

Please contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639 if you have any questions.

North West Billing Group ("BA")

May 26, 2004

To be announced 9:00am-3:00pm

August 25, 2004

To be announced 9:00am-3:00pm

November 23, 2004

To be announced 9:00am-3:00pm

Please contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639 if you have any questions.

Healthy Start Home Visitor Spring Regional Training 2004

4-5-04 NE – Sabetha 9A-12P

Nemaha County Health Department
1205 Main
Sabetha, KS 66534

4-7-04 NC – Concordia 9A-12P

Cloud County Health Department
1010 3rd Avenue
Concordia, KS 66901

4-26-04 SE – Eureka 9A-12P

Meeting Room Behind Enterprise Bank
418 N Main Street
Eureka, KS 67045

5-3-04 SC – Pratt 1P-4P

Community Center in Pratt
619 N Main
Pratt, KS 67124

For questions or further information contact:
Christine Tuck, RN
Child Health Consultant
ctuck@kdhe.state.ks.us
785-296-7433

Joe Kotsch, RN
Perinatal Health Consultant
jkotsch@kdhe.state.ks.us
785-296-1306



GENERAL WORKSHOPS

Continuing Education of interest to PH Workforce is listed by the Kansas State Board of Nursing at: <http://www.ksbn.org>.

Kansas Area Health Education Center

Health Outreach Program

Look for the AHEC trainings at: <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> then go to "Additional PH Training Calendar"
NW KS AHEC - Register at: 785-628-6128.
SW KS AHEC - Register at: 620-275-0259
SE KS AHEC - Register at: 620-235-4040

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:
<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.htm>



Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts

See PHTN website at www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn to view a complete list and register for training and programs. Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 if you need assistance.

March 2004 ☐

03/04/04 8:00-9:00am Rebroadcast 2:00-3:00pm	Psychological Aspects of Bioterrorism sponsored by University of Albany South School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness For additional information, email cphp@uamail.albany.edu or visit their website at www.ualbanycphp.org .
03/04/04 11:00am-2:30pm	Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases 2004 Session 3 of 4 View course overview. VIEW WEBCAST
03/04/04 12:00-1:00pm	"GHB, Rave and Club Drugs" For more information, contact Ed Kronholm, at 877-820-0305 or visit: http://www.dlnets.com/mctft_04Mar04.htm .
03/09/04 8:00-9:30am	The Diabetes Epidemic: Preventing the Preventable For more information, visit

	http://www.albany.edu/sph/coned . To register, visit http://www.albany.edu/sph/coned/diabetes.html . For a listing of viewing sites, visit http://www.albany.edu/sph/coned/sites.html .
03/10/04 2:00-4:00pm	STD Update for Clinicians and Counselors (Public Health Staff Development) For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphn .
03/11/04 11:00am-2:30pm	Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases 2004 Session 4 of 4 View course overview. <div></div>
03/16/04 11:30am-2:30pm	Management of HIV/AIDS in the Correctional Setting: A Live Satellite Videoconference Series, Antiretroviral Update 2004 For more information, call: (518) 262-4674 or email ybarra@mail.amc.edu for more information. Visit our website to register as a participant or site today! http://www.amc.edu/patient/hiv/hivconf/index.htm
03/18/04 8:00-9:00am	Third Thursday Breakfast Broadcasts (T2B2) presents: Potable Water: A Public Health Issue For more information, call 518-402-0330 or visit http://www.albany.edu/sph/coned/t2b2
03/18/04 2:00-4:00pm	Preventing Sexual Coercion Among Adolescents Part 2 of 2 For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphn .
03/18/04 11:00am-12:30 pm	Mass Vaccination Clinics: A Reality Check For more information, visit www.cdlnh.com/MVC.info , e-mail the California Distance Learning Health Network at info@cdlnh.com , or call 619-594-3348.
03/25/04 2:00-4:00pm	Tuberculosis: Past, Present and Future Change at the Community Level For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit

	http://www.adph.org/alphtn .
03/30/04 12:00-1:30 pm	Chemical Risk Assessment (SCCPHP) For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn .
03/30/04 12:00-1:00 pm	Trichomonas: An Infection That Is No Longer Minor League Additional information is available at: http://www.STDCentral.org/GR This program will also be webcast.

To Order Tapes/CD's:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:

<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:

http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Washburn PHN Certification Program- e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's web site: <http://www.RNCE.org>

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>

The Public Health Training Network:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us>. Click on the calendar you wish to view.

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings

<http://www.trainingfinder.org>.

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>.

National Library of Medicine –

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>.

CDC BT Training –

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness: <http://slu.edu/centers/heartland>

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers:

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:

<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/btcomps.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice.

<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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